

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5397–S5459

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3104–3110, S. Res. 589–590, and S. Con. Res. 88. **Page S5447**

Measures Reported:

S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. (S. Rept. No. 110–348) **Page S5447**

Measures Passed:

American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S5456–57**

Local Preparedness Acquisition Act: Senate passed H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5457**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 589, designating the week beginning June 9, 2008, as “National Health Information Technology Week”. **Page S5457**

Celebrating the 233rd Birthday of the Army: Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, celebrating the 233rd birthday of the Army and commending the men and women of the Army as exceptional individuals who live by the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. **Pages S5457–58**

Measures Considered:

Consumer-First Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Pages S5399–S5410, S5417, S5418–36**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 146), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5409–10**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill (listed above) failed. **Page S5410**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5431**

Energy and Tax Extenders Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Pages S5410–12**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 147), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5410**

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access. **Page S5431**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 12, 2008. **Page S5431**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5431**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; that there be 4 hours of debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, and the time therein be controlled in periods of 30 minutes, in alternating fashion, with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes therein, and the Republicans controlling the next 30 minutes therein; and that upon conclusion of said 4-hour period, Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 148), Mark S. Davis, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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David Gregory Kays, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

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Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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Michael E. Leiter, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frederick S. Celec, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

John Melvin Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2013.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2014.

Julius E. Coles, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

Morgan W. Davis, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring November 13, 2013.

Marylyn Andrea Howe, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Lonnie C. Moore, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Heather McCallum, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Christina Alvarado Shanahan, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—148)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5458.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES-IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of the United States-Iraq negotiations, focusing on a strategic framework agreement and status of forces agreement from Brett McGurk, Director for Iraq, National Security Council; Mark Kimmitt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle Eastern Affairs; and Chat Blakeman, Office of Iraq Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR EFFICIENT FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine national strategies for efficient